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For: PROSTHETIC DEVICES EMPLOYING
OXIDIZED ZIRCONIUM AND OTHER
ABRASION RESISTANT SURFACES
CONTAINING SURFACES OF CROSS-
LINKED POLYETHYLENE

Examiner: R. A. Lewis

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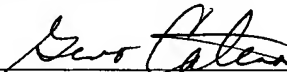
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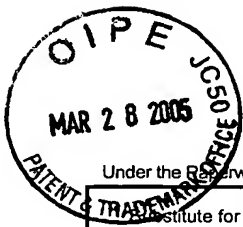
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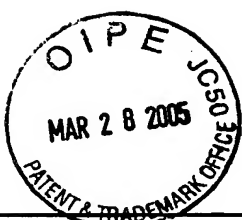
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